

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING JAY PIERSON

HON. ERIC CANTOR

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 18, 2012

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jay Pierson, who has dedicated the past 34 years to this legislative body and our Nation.

As a floor assistant, Jay's knowledge of the House rules and procedure, and the guidance he provides Members and staff have allowed this institution to run smoothly in service to the American people. As a dedicated, revered, and unwavering presence on House floor, Jay himself has become an institution.

Members and staff on both sides of the aisle call Jay their friend for his assistance and his incredible kindness. Known not only for his expertise on House rules and procedure, Jay is a historian of the House and holds a doctorate in English. None may know Jay better than the staff of the Library of Congress from whom he is constantly borrowing and returning books.

Mr. Speaker, I know I am joined by current and former members of Congress and staff when I say that we all feel honored to have worked with Jay. I thank Jay very much for his service and I wish he, his wife JoAnn, and his sons Joel and Jeff the best as they enjoy more time together.

RECOGNIZING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ILLINOIS POISON CENTER

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 18, 2012

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 60th anniversary of the Illinois Poison Center (IPC), the oldest poison center in the United States. Their services in poison treatment and prevention have made the Illinois Poison Center a great contributor to the Illinois emergency medical community.

Increased awareness of the potential dangers of over the counter and prescription medications as well as common household products is a crucial step toward better poison safety and prevention, especially for children. Nearly half of the 77,000 poisonings reported to the Illinois Poison Center last year involved children under the age of five. Most of these cases could be prevented by greater awareness of potential risks posed by household substances. The Illinois Poison Center has proven its dedication to educating the citizens of Illinois in better poison prevention.

Thanks to its trained medical staff, the Illinois Poison Center treats over 90 percent of calls reporting poisoning over the phone, reducing the need for doctor's visits and emergency room care.

Mr. Speaker and Distinguished Colleagues, please join me in recognizing March 2013 as Poison Prevention Month in Illinois, and in commending the Illinois Poison Center on 6 decades of excellence in poison education and treatment to the State of Illinois.

CONDEMNING THE HORRIFIC ATTACKS IN NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT, AND EXPRESSING SUPPORT AND PRAYERS FOR ALL THOSE IMPACTED BY THIS TRAGEDY

SPEECH OF

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 17, 2012

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H. Con. Res. 833, and in support of the greater Newtown community in the wake of the tragic Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting.

Twenty seven lives have been lost and countless others have been affected by the shooting in Newtown, Connecticut on December 15, 2012.

Twenty first-graders were killed in their classroom.

And teachers and school administrators died while protecting their students.

As a nation, we are heartsick.

As a mother and grandmother of eight, I cannot even begin to fathom what the families of Newtown are going through.

As they have just begun the long and slow process of grieving and healing, our nation's hearts, prayers, and deepest sympathies are with them.

This horrible crime reminds us that our time here is precious and short.

And it reminds us that even though we cannot prevent every single senseless violent act, we must come together to all we can to reduce the gun violence that contributed to these losses.

For too long we have neglected to take the steps necessary to stem the damage and harm inflicted by gun violence.

I pray that this horrific event will remind us that our highest priority is to keep our children safe—and right now we are not doing enough.

There is so much more that we can do to protect our families and communities from gun violence.

But there is also much more that we can and must do to strengthen our mental health care systems—to treat those in need, avert future violence, and support those whose lives have been affected by it.

In the coming days, weeks, and months, and as time passes for the community of Newtown, the nation will reflect on this tragedy.

I hope that through this soul searching we will conclude that we have a moral responsibility to take strong, effective action to reduce the harm caused by gun violence.

We owe it to the victims and their families to take every step possible to prevent another horrific tragedy like this one.

If not now, when?

IN RECOGNITION OF SERGEANT BRIAN J. NELSON

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 18, 2012

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Marine Corps Master Sergeant Brian J. Nelson as he is presented with the Purple Heart on December 19, 2012 in Falmouth, Massachusetts.

The Purple Heart, a military decoration awarded by the President, is reserved for members of the Armed Forces who have been injured by an instrument of war in the hands of the enemy. It is one of the highest honors that our servicemen and women may receive. Sergeant Nelson was wounded by an improvised explosive device in Anbar Province, Iraq, on September 30, 2006. He was in the middle of serving his second tour of duty in Iraq at that time. However, this did not stop Sergeant Nelson from returning to active duty, as he deployed a third time to Afghanistan following his recovery. Sergeant Nelson's heroism and commitment to serving our country is truly remarkable, and throughout his military career he has served as an embodiment of real patriotism.

Sergeant Nelson is a native of Cape Cod, having grown up in Falmouth. Before graduating from Falmouth High School, he was selected to be captain of the both the school's cross country and track teams. He then received a bachelor's degree from the University of New Hampshire in chemical engineering, an accomplishment that would later assist him during his tenure in the Armed Forces. For nearly a decade, Sergeant Nelson spent his summers as a lifeguard on the beaches of Falmouth and Dennis before enlisting in the Marine Corps in November of 2003. Two years later, he deployed from Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, for combat operations in Anbar Province, Iraq, and returned to that region the following year. After recovering from the injuries he sustained in 2006 and his promotion to Sergeant, he deployed for a third time from Camp Pendleton, California, to Helmand Province in Afghanistan. Here, Sergeant Nelson worked as a civil affairs development officer and as the coordinator in the experimental Poppyseed Biofuel Program. Since his return to the United States, Sergeant Nelson has been serving in the Marine Corps Combat Water Survival Instructor Course in Quantico, Virginia.

Sergeant Nelson has earned much recognition for his service to his country. In addition to the Purple Heart, Sergeant Nelson has also received three Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals and the Combat Action

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Ribbon, and he has been selected to attend the Assessment and Selection Indoctrination Course for the Marine Corps Special Operations Command this January. Such accolades are truly fitting for a member of our Armed Services who has always shown the highest level of dedication to his country.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing Marine Corps Master Sergeant Brian J. Nelson as he is awarded the Purple Heart. I thank my colleagues for joining me in recognition of this distinguished member of our Armed Services.

TRIBUTE TO THE 30TH VETERANS DAY OF REMEMBRANCE PROGRAM

HON. MAC THORNBERRY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 18, 2012

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a great community program in my district. For thirty years, Mineral Wells ISD and the American Legion Post 75 have co-sponsored an outstanding program to recognize and honor our nation's veterans. This program is held in the high school stadium and is open to all people of the community and the area. All school students of Mineral Wells ISD are driven by bus to the stadium. This year the program was held on November 12th for an audience of approximately 5500.

Some of the neighboring schools also bring their students to the program. The program comprises performances from all campuses of Mineral Wells ISD including the kindergarten drill team, choirs from the middle school, and students from the junior and senior high schools. The high school band performs a pre-ceremony concert while attendees get seated. A dance team from the high school performs as well.

This year, Lt. General Richard E. "Tex" Brown III (USAF, Ret.) was the guest speaker. He was a former graduate of Mineral Wells High School. Lt. General Brown spoke of the great respect this area has for the military and for veterans. The Master of Ceremonies was LTC Robert Clayton Evans (US Army, Ret.). He also was a former graduate of Mineral Wells High School, a West Point graduate, and a member of the American Legion Post 75. It was a great homecoming for both men.

American Legion, Sons of the Legion, and American Legion Auxiliary state commanders and presidents attended this program. Elected officials of the county and school officials also were among the platform guests.

Students from Mineral Wells High School also helped with other duties involved with the program. Some passed out programs or helped seat groups in the stands. Some passed out small flags to the crowd or helped fill red, white, and blue balloons for the final song.

Local Legion members performed a flag service and presented service flags in the program. Another member manned a small cannon to open the program after a local pilot presented a flyover to honor our veterans. Lunch was served after the program by more local members of the American Legion Post 75 family.

Mineral Wells recognizes the service that veterans have given to our country now and in

the past with this outstanding program. For that reason, Mineral Wells ISD and American Legion Post 75 should be noted for their efforts.

TRIBUTE TO DANIEL K. MILLER

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 18, 2012

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the retirement of Iowa Public Television's executive director and general manager, Daniel Miller, and express my appreciation for his years of service to IPTV and the people of Iowa.

A Des Moines native, Mr. Miller has been a part of the IPTV family for 37 years and has been the executive director and general manager since 2002. Under Dan's leadership, IPTV has expanded its statewide and nationwide relevance by tripling its broadcast offerings amidst balancing the transition to digital television and shrinking government funding. Iowa Public Television boasts more than two million viewers each month, and at times its central Iowa station has been the most-watched public television station in the country.

Dan's many accomplishments at IPTV have earned him deserved praise across the nation, including numerous broadcasting and broadcast journalism awards on the regional and national levels. Simply put, the IPTV we know and love today would not be the same without Mr. Miller's tireless efforts and passionate advocacy.

Mr. Speaker, in an increasingly divisive media environment, Dan's career and legacy at IPTV is a testament to the importance of objective and factual journalism. He has never wavered in his commitment to the truth and journalistic integrity, and I am honored to call him my friend. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Mr. Miller on his illustrious career, and wish him a happy retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 18, 2012

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent on December 12 and 13, 2012 and missed rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "Aye" on rollcall votes 621, 622, 623, 624, 625 and 626.

RETIREMENT OF JUDGE JOSEPH P. MACNABB

HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 18, 2012

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Mr. Speaker, I come before you today to commemorate the retirement of Judge Joseph P. MacNabb. Over the years, Judge MacNabb has proved his

dedication to the people of the Third District and Georgia and his presence in the community will not be forgotten.

Joseph MacNabb was born in Newnan, Georgia to George and Ella MacNabb. He graduated with top honors from Newnan High School and attended of Emory University. Following Emory, Judge MacNabb graduated from the University of Georgia School of Law and served as the First Chairman of the Moot Court Board.

Judge MacNabb used his degree to truly serve people. While he was a Captain in the Judge Advocate General's Corps in the United States Army, Judge MacNabb spent time in the Republic of Korea and was awarded the Army Commendation Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal.

After his service abroad, he returned to Georgia and practiced law in Newnan for 43 years as a Partner in the law firm of Mathews, Knight & MacNabb, and then as a Partner in law firm of Rosenzweig, Jones & MacNabb. His hard work did not go unnoticed in the community, as he was elected President of the Newnan Bar Association in 1978 and represented the Coweta County Board of Education for 16 years.

Judge MacNabb was appointed Judge of the Juvenile Court of Coweta County in 1982 and served for 31 years. He was also appointed Judge of the Juvenile Court of Heard County in 1991 and served for 21 years. During his time as Juvenile Judge in Coweta County, he was instrumental in helping establish a permanent home for the Juvenile Court in 2006, earning widespread praise in the community for his commitment to the juvenile court system.

Throughout his career, Judge MacNabb has shown his ability to help others, be the cases big or small. His work abroad on behalf of our nation and in the local community shows his dedication to the legal system and those who are struggling within it. A judge is a man of character and integrity, and Judge MacNabb epitomizes that, which is why I am proud to help honor his service to and I wish our best to Judge MacNabb as he begins his next journey, and hope he has a long and happy retirement.

TRIBUTE TO EAGLE SCOUT KYLE MATTHEW JENNETT

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 18, 2012

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Kyle Matthew Jennett of Creston, Iowa for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

The Eagle Scout rank is the highest advancement rank in scouting. Only about five percent of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout Award. The award is a performance-based achievement with high standards that have been well-maintained over the past century.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle Project to benefit the community. For his project, Kyle renovated latrines at a local county park to ensure greater public utilization, including handicap accessibility. The work ethic Kyle has shown in his

Eagle Project and every other project leading up to his Eagle Scout rank speaks volumes of his commitment to serving a cause greater than himself and assisting his community.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man and his supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance. I am honored to represent Kyle and his family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating him on obtaining the Eagle Scout ranking, and I wish him continued success in his future education and career.

IN RECOGNITION OF PETER JAMES DEJARNATT

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 18, 2012

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Peter James DeJarnatt for his 16 years of service on the Pacifica City Council, four of them as mayor. Pete has been a tireless champion of the environment and Pacifica residents and visitors can thank him for many of the trails and much of the open space that allow all of us to enjoy the beautiful coast.

Pete was first elected to the city council in 1996. During his tenure, he always aimed to achieve a balance between development and the quality of life of residents. His work and partnership with the Pacifica Land Trust were vital in the transfers of Mori Point, the San Pedro Headland parcel and Cattle Hill to the Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

Pete was instrumental in championing major improvements to Linda Mar Beach, a popular surf spot. Ample parking, hiking and biking trails have turned it into a true multipurpose area, attracting tourists and locals alike. He also helped create flood protection for lower Linda Mar as well as a new estuary for San Pedro Creek. The San Pedro Creek Control Project included rerouting the lower creek, placing gravel to provide steelhead spawning beds, and creating new wetlands. The solar power projects on top of the wastewater treatment plant and the community center are in part due to Pete's outstanding work.

As an advocate of the arts and civic engagement, Pete played an important part in creating the Sanchez Art Center, the farmers market, additional senior housing, the skateboard park and the new police station. He has been a long-time supporter of Pacifica's library system and the resource center.

Pete, a native San Franciscan, graduated from Terra Nova High School and attended the College of San Mateo.

He and his long time partner Dianne Devin live in Pacifica. In his spare time, Peter loves to garden, hike, camp, dive and read.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to honor Peter DeJarnatt on the day of his retirement as mayor of Pacifica. He has dedicated his life to his community and public service and has never tired of improving the lives of residents of this coastal gem.

RECOGNIZING WOMEN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESSES

HON. LEE TERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 18, 2012

Mr. TERRY. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize twelve women who are making a difference in the Second Congressional District and—in fact—all of Nebraska.

Small businesses are the life blood of our economy. They provide about 55 percent of all jobs in the private sector, and create about two of every three net new jobs in the United States. In 2007, women owned 7.8 million businesses.

On Friday, I will be honoring the achievements of some of the women business owners throughout the Second Congressional District. Through their hard work and dedication, they have created opportunities and made a difference in our community. As we work to strengthen our economy, women business owners will continue to play an important role in that recovery.

I also ask all of my colleagues to join me in celebrating the important contributions women continue to make in support of our economy.

BC CLARK

BC Clark was recognized as the Women in Business Spotlight for January 2012. She is the co-founder and President of the Metro Omaha Women's Business Center (MOWBC) which was founded in 2007. MOWBC hosts monthly business forums on the third Friday of each month. The mission of the organization is to empower women to become economically self-sufficient by providing target education in business, professional and personal growth. As President, Clark has recently instituted the MOWBC "Start-up Award Grant" awarded annually to women entrepreneurs for their initial start-up costs. In addition to being the President of MOWBC, Clark is a Counselor at SCORE, serves on the Board of Directors for the Ralston Area Chamber of Commerce, Midlands Latino Community Development Corporation and the Nebraska Business Development Center Advisory Board.

DIANE BRUCE

Diane Bruce was recognized as the Women in Business Spotlight for February 2012. She is the cofounder of Charv's Contracting, Inc. which was founded in 2009. Charv's Contracting is a woman-owned and managed small business certified by the SBA and is also approved by the City of Omaha as a Tier II Emerging Small Business. Charv's Contracting focuses on small to medium sized new construction and remodeling services for commercial and residential properties. Bruce has played a vital role in improving the overall company with her 20 year background in sales, marketing and office management. Various residential as well as government customers have worked with Charv's Contracting, like, City of Lincoln, State of Nebraska, Omaha Housing Authority and the Buland Group.

NANCY SEMPEK

Nancy Sempek was recognized as the Women in Business Spotlight for March 2012. She is the current owner of Christensen Drywall Construction, Inc. which was founded in 1949. Christensen Drywall is a woman-owned and managed small business certified by the SBA as well as certified as a Tier II Emerging Small Business with the City of Omaha. The company specializes in residen-

tial, both new and remodel, and commercial finishes. They provide a wide variety of construction and drywall services for all construction or remodeling needs ranging from acoustical ceilings to water damage. Some of the projects that Christensen Drywall has worked on are the Hummel Park Nature Camp Center, commercial tenant finishes and low income housing.

SHAYNE FILI

Shayne Fili was recognized as the Women in Business Spotlight for April 2012. She is the President and Owner of Auction Solutions, Inc. which was founded in 1999. Auction Solutions is an SBA certified Woman-Owned Small Business and a Tier II Emerging Small Business with the City of Omaha. The Auction Solution team primarily focuses on Real Estate and Personal Property Auctions, but also focuses on Estates, Collections, Collector Vehicles and more. As the owner, Fili has played a vital role in improving the overall company by becoming a CAGA Appraiser and CAI certified, obtaining her Real Estate Salesperson License, as well as becoming a Real Estate Broker and BAS certified.

JULIE KAUP

Julie Kaup was recognized as the Women in Business Spotlight for May 2012. She is the current President and Owner of Boss Electric LLC, which was founded in 2010 and is quickly being recognized as an up-and-coming electrical contracting company in Eastern Nebraska. Boss Electric is an SBA certified Woman Owned Small Business, a Tier II Emerging Small Business with the City of Omaha and a Registered Apprenticeship Sponsor with the U.S. Department of Labor. The team at Boss Electric handles multiple areas of expertise which range from new construction to remodeling, build outs and commercial projects. As the owner, Kaup has brought a unique aspect to the company with her background as a pharmaceutical representative. This sales and marketing background has allowed Boss Electric to market and sell their brand of electrical contracting in a fresh way to commercial, residential and government customers. The Army and Air National Guard, VA Hospital, and GSA contracts are just a few of the government contracts that Boss Electric has been awarded.

LISA WOLFORD

Lisa Wolford was recognized as the Women in Business Spotlight for June 2012. She is the founder and current CEO of CSSS.NET which was founded in 1997. CSSS.NET is certified with the SBA as an 8(a) Small Disadvantaged Business, 8(m) Woman Owned Small Business and a Service Disabled Veteran Owned Business. The company specializes in providing high quality IT services and solutions to federal, state, and commercial customers. As CEO, Wolford has played a vital role in improving the overall company by steering the company firmly and fully into the federal marketplace, contracting with U.S. Strategic Command, (USSTRATCOM), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. CSSS.NET was named 2011 SBA Nebraska Veteran Services Champion of the Year, 2010 Vetrepreneur of the Year (NaVOBA) for exceptional Government service, won the Nunn-Perry Award in 2009 in recognition of CSSS.NET's work in GIS.

DANIELLE ZOX

Danielle Zox was recognized as the Women in Business Spotlight for July, 2012. She took the position of CEO of the GovDirect organization, and she is part owner of both GovDirect and Bizco Technologies. GovDirect is a Woman Owned Business, is

HUBZone Certified, and located in downtown Lincoln, Nebraska. GovDirect's focus is to provide superior consulting, services and product procurement to the federal, state and local government markets as well as education customers. Zoz and her team pride themselves on assisting customers with building the right technology solutions and delivering them on time and within budget.

LEE PANKOWSKI

Lee Pankowski was recognized as the Women in Business Spotlight for August 2012. She started LP Custodial & Supply LLC in July 2005, with only two employees. She began to build a client list by knocking on doors, chasing down leads, and contacting people she knew. Her company is certified as an SBA 8(a) Business and SBA Small Disadvantaged Business. Some of her past and current contracts have been with the US Customs Office at Eppley, LAX Air Traffic Control Tower, the 10 Omaha Public Libraries, Union Pacific in Nebraska and Kansas, and the Omaha Fire and Police Training Center. LP Custodial & Supply takes pride in what they do; helping businesses grow by impressing clients with a sanitary environment and keeping employees work space clean and healthy. Their goal is to maintain an environment where a business can focus on their growth.

TRACIE MALESA

Tracie Malesa was recognized as the Women in Business Spotlight for September 2012. Du-Rite Electric was founded in 1958 by Tracie's maternal grandparents, Roger and Marlene Charbonneau. The company has been in its Elkhorn, Nebraska location since 1977. After helping the company out on an occasional basis over the years, Tracie formally joined Du-Rite in December of 2005 as an owner and Vice-President. Trade's partners in Du-Rite include her mother, Valerie Malesa, and her father, Edward Malesa. Du-Rite is registered as a Tier 2 company with the City of Omaha, and has obtained a Woman Owned Small Business certification. Du-Rite Electric is licensed in Nebraska and Iowa and has proudly served local metropolitan homeowners, builders and contractors for their residential and commercial electrical needs. Du-Rite prides itself on providing quality products and services for fair and competitive prices.

CONNIE MARTIN

Connie Martin was recognized as the Women in Business Spotlight for October 2012. She started SpecPro, Inc. with two employees and an idea of providing exemplary maintenance, repair and replacement services to owners of commercial skylights and windows. With their expertise and experience, SpecPro, Inc. currently offers services across the country with the majority of services offered in 12 Midwestern states. SpecPro, Inc. is now the largest maintenance and repair company specializing in composite commercial translucent skylights in the United States. SpecPro, Inc. is certified as a Woman-Owned Small Business.

TINA DIAZ-CIECHOMSKI

Tina Diaz-Ciechomski was recognized as the Women in Business Spotlight for November 2012. Since a young girl, she has always wanted to own her own business; due to circumstances, she had to give up that dream to raise her two young boys as a single mom. She eventually started Future Construction Specialties in June of 2000, with only one employee. Now Tina has thirteen employees including subcontractors. Future Construction Specialties is a City of Omaha Tier H Small

Emerging and Hispanic Woman Owned Business.

The company offers complete home improvement and remodeling to Omaha and surrounding areas. They are a full-service contractor specializing in concrete work, masonry, siding and roofing. They also offer flooring and tile installation, drywall and painting, framing, finishing and much more. Diaz-Ciechomski believes that giving customers the best skilled craftsmanship shows the type of pride they take into their work.

JENNIFER MAASSEN

Jennifer Maassen was recognized as the Women in Business Spotlight for the month of December 2012. She is the current CEO of McCallie Associates Incorporated which was founded in 1982. McCallie is a woman-owned and managed small business certified by the National Women Business Owners Corporation. The McCallie team delivers high quality contract mission and systems support for the Department of Defense and Public Health customers. As CEO, Maassen has played a vital role in improving the overall company. Since then, McCallie has been recognized as one of the Top 500 Woman Owned Businesses in the United States, and in 2011, Maassen was honored as the Bellevue Business Woman of the Year by the Bellevue Chamber of Commerce for her "unwavering commitment, leadership and dedication to the Bellevue-Offutt Community." McCallie was also the State of Nebraska nominee for the Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award, and in 2012, McCallie received the Bronze Award of Merit for Business Integrity from the Better Business Bureau.

IN RECOGNITION OF JAMES NANTELL

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 18, 2012

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor James Nantell. He has served for 40 years in the public sector, twelve of them as the City Manager for the City of Burlingame. A gifted community leader, there isn't a street corner in Burlingame that doesn't have his fingerprints on it.

Jim became city manager of Burlingame in November of 2000 and my time is too short to list all of his accomplishments. At the top of that list is the merger of the fire departments of Burlingame and Hillsborough to form the Central County Fire Department in 2004. The two cities share staff, training and equipment to protect their citizens while reducing cost. For the past 15 years Jim has been a champion of shared services and he currently chairs the Shared Services Initiative of the San Mateo County City Managers Association.

Much of Jim's work has resulted in very visible improvements in Burlingame. For example he facilitated the upgrade to the Burlingame Avenue train station, oversaw the approval of the Mills-Peninsula Medical Center and the Peninsula Humane Society Center for Compassion, obtained federal stimulus funds for street resurfacing projects, developed the Burlingame Avenue streetscape concept plan, obtained a designation of Burlingame as a "Tree City USA" for a 31st consecutive year, and

implemented the construction of a bicycle and pedestrian crossing bridge over U.S. Highway 101.

Over the last ten years, Jim has overseen the rehabilitation of some 40 miles of the 100-year-old water and sewer pipeline system in Burlingame and the construction of a 1.5 million gallon retention basin at the waste water treatment plant.

Jim has also brought many wonderful celebrations to Burlingame. In 2008, he worked closely with local officials and community members to put on nine flawless Centennial events. Residents can thank him for the annual pet parade and employee Halloween costume contest.

Before Jim brought his energy and talent to Burlingame, he served the City of San Mateo for 28 years. He started as assistant recreation center director in 1973 and within a year became the director. From 1975–76 he was the supervisor for athletics and outdoor recreation. From 1976–81 he served as the administrative director of athletics, aquatics, outdoor recreation and community relations. The following four years Jim was the superintendent of recreation and human services. From 1985–90 he served as assistant city manager and from 1990–2000 as deputy city manager and the interim fire chief from 1995–96.

Jim has been a board member of the San Mateo Rotary Club, the Lesley Foundation, the Strategic Planning Committee for the Peninsula Family YMCA, and Our Lady of Angels men's club.

His career clearly demonstrates his passion for recreation and outdoor activities. In his spare time, he has helped coordinate many foot races, including the Bay to Breakers race, the Giants Run to Home Plate, the San Francisco Zoo Run, and the San Francisco Marathon.

Jim, a Wisconsin native, graduated with a BA in Psychology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He earned his M.S. in Parks and Recreation Administration from San Francisco State University. He attended the Harvard Kennedy School of Government in 2000.

Jim married his college sweetheart Christine 42 years ago. They are the proud parents of four children—Maddie, Michael, Ashley and Erin—and grandparents of three grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to honor James Nantell for his outstanding and storied service to San Mateo County. His contributions will continue to benefit residents for decades to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 18, 2012

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I was not able to be present for the following rollcall vote on December 17, 2012, and would like the record to reflect that I would have voted as follows:

Rollcall No. 627: yes.

Rollcall No. 628: yes.